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## I. INTRODUCTION

Ice VII, discovered by Bridgman[1], is produced when ice VI is subjected to a pressure $\geq$ 2.14 GPa at room temperature[2]. X-ray diffraction data at high pressure indicate that ice VII has a body-centered cubic arrangement of oxygen atoms, with some degree of disorder of the protons[3,4,5]. In contrast, ice VIII, which forms when ice VII is cooled below -3 °C, is proton-ordered[6], and its oxygen arrangement, although originally thought to be the same as that of ice VII, probably involves slight tetragonal distortion, space group $I4_1/amd$[7,8].

An interesting feature common to ices VI, VII, and VIII, involves interpenetration of lattices. In the case of ice VII two interpenetrated, but unconnected, diamond-type (like ice $I_c$) lattices exist. Thus, the density of ice VII approaches twice that of ice $I_h$, and would be twice if it were not for an increase in the O-O distance $r_{00}$ above the ice $I_h$ value of 2.76 Å. A further feature of ice VII that is related to the unconnected lattices, is that only four of the eight nearest-neighbor oxygen atoms are hydrogen-bonded to the central oxygen atom. The oxygen atoms of the two unconnected lattices engage in repulsive contacts which increase $r_{00}$ above 2.76 Å.

Of all of the phases of water known to exist thus far, the fluid phase (including the liquid and the dense supercritical fluid), and ice VII, have the greatest pressure range of stability[8]. Ice VII has been visually observed with a polarizing microscope to 50 GPa at room temperature with no obvious transition[9] and recently confirmed to 36 GPa by x-ray powder diffraction measurements[10]. No ice having symmetric hydrogen bonds has yet been produced. Such an ice would require very high pressures for its formation, calculated to be between 35 and 80 GPa[11].

The extreme pressure stability of ice VII is a feature which made the present Raman and x-ray study attractive. This large pressure range allowed for large variations in $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ and in the x-ray lattice parameter, a, compared, for example, to ice VI, where a similar study was impracticable[12]. Between 2.30 GPa and 36 GPa the body-centered cubic unit cell edge, a, decreased from 3.367 to 2.896 $\overset{\circ}{A}$, and to 30 GPa, the Raman OH peak frequency, $\Delta\bar{\nu}$, decreased from about 3300 to 2800 $cm^{-1}$. These large decreases allowed the pressure dependences to be determined accurately, which in turn allowed for detailed analyses and interpretations of the data.

II. EXPERIMENTAL

X-ray Method

Measurements of the pressure dependence of the lattice parameter of ice VII were made by the energy dispersive powder diffraction method using a diamond anvil pressure cell[13]. The ruby fluorescence method was used to measure the pressure[14,15]. The pressure cell was mounted on a horizontal diffractometer equipped with a tungsten tube, an intrinsic germanium detector, and a 0.15 mm i.d. collimator made from telescoping sections of tungsten carbide tubing. An x, y, z micrometer stage was used for mounting and aligning the cell with respect to the x-ray beam and the diffractometer

axis. With proper alignment, patterns could be recorded with no trace of diffraction lines from the gasket. The sample was also centered on the axis of rotation so that it could be oscillated through ± 1.7° to reduce the effect of sample graininess, a severe problem because of the small sample volume ($2 \times 10^{-3}$ mm$^3$).

In addition to the 0.2° receiving slit, a 0.15 mm wide slit on the detector arm, 2.5 cm from the diffractometer axis, was used to exclude from the detector the radiation scattered along the path of the primary beam through the diamonds. This slit reduced the background counts by about a factor of ten over much of the energy range and greatly improved the signal-to-noise ratio.

A diffraction angle of $2\theta = 14.00°$ was selected. Assuming that the usable range of the x-ray continuum extends from 10 keV (below which less than 2 percent of the incident flux is transmitted by the diamonds) to 50 keV, the range of possible d spacings extends from 5.1 Å down to 1.0 Å, equivalent to the range obtained with a $2\theta$ scan from 17° to 99° with CuK$\alpha$ radiation.

Generally the lattice parameter at each pressure was based on the (110), (200), and (211) reflections. The precision of the lattice parameter measurement was about 0.25 percent while the accuracy was about 1 percent. A more significant error resulted from the uncertainty of the pressure in the highest ranges arising from the nonhydrostatic character of ice VII. For example, the pressure measured by the ruby fluorescence method in a sample approximately 0.2 mm in diameter by 0.1 mm thick ranged from 23.7 GPa to 26.2 GPa. This range corresponds to 0.6 percent uncertainty in a and 0.8 percent uncertainty in $\Delta\bar{v}$. To circumvent this difficulty, the average pressure measured by ruby chips situated throughout the sample was employed.

## Raman Method

Raman spectra of ice VII were obtained using the diamond anvil pressure cell and the ruby fluorescence method for pressure measurement. The spectra were obtained using two different double monochromators. For pressures to 15 GPa a standard Instruments S.A.[*] HG-2S instrument was employed, and for pressures from 15 to 30 GPa an HG-2S instrument equipped with red-sensitive holographic gratings was used. Detection was accomplished with cooled and uncooled Hamamatsu R928 (S-20) PM tubes, a Fluke 412B HV supply, a Keithley 414S picoammeter, an Esterline-Angus L1101S high-speed recorder, and at the highest pressures with a Nicolet multichannel analyzer. Slit-widths corresponding to 16 $cm^{-1}$ were used in all cases, with scanning rates of 50 $cm^{-1}min^{-1}$. Excitation was accomplished with 514.5 and 488.0 nm excitation from Spectra Physics model 165 argon ion lasers. At pressures from 15 to 30 GPa, an interference filter was employed with 488.0 nm excitation.

The diamond anvil cell was used in two orientations. To pressures of 15 GPa, scattering at an acute angle was employed with collection in the forward direction[16]. At pressures from 15 to 30 GPa the acute angle scattering was also used but collection was accomplished in the backward direction. Pressures were measured simultaneously with Raman spectra by making comparisons between the fluorescence from the ruby in the cell, and from an external ruby in each run. Light scattered from an unfocussed laser beam at a power level of 100 mW was used in pressure measurements and care was taken not to focus on the ruby chips. In contrast a sharp focus was used in the ice to reduce the scattering from the diamonds during Raman measurements. No

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marked broadening and loss of detail in the two-phonon diamond band was observed in this work to 30 GPa.

For pressures up to 20 GPa, the precision of the Raman measurements was about 2 $cm^{-1}$ while the accuracy was 5 $cm^{-1}$. Above 20 GPa, the accuracy was 10 $cm^{-1}$.

## III. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

### X-ray Data

The lattice parameters obtained for ice VII to 36 GPa are tabulated in Table I, and shown versus pressure in Fig. 1. From Fig. 1 it is apparent that the lattice parameter, a, (in Å) decreases at a decreasing rate with pressure rise. Various polynomials giving pressure P as a function of lattice parameter were fit to these data. Of these, a cubic fit using a digital computer with 72-bit words reproduced the data within 4 percent. The equation with pressure in GPa and lattice parameter in angstroms was as follows:

$$P = 7.8166 \times 10^3 - 6.8985 \times 10^3 (a) + 2.0368 \times 10^3 (a)^2 - 2.0114 \times 10^2 (a)^3. \quad (1a)$$

(The coefficients are given to five figures to represent the cubic equation accurately. These numbers should not be considered independently as significant figures.) The least squares fit is shown by the solid line through the data, Fig. 1.

Volumes determined from the present measurements differ by about 2.3 percent from Bridgman's early work[17]. There is good agreement with the results of Olinger and Halleck[18], when their revised pressure calibration is used[19]. An absolute comparison with the results reported by Holzapfel and Drickamer[20] could not be made because their absolute volume measurements were not given, but a relative comparison of $V/V_o$ shows good agreement out to about 12.5 GPa.

The divergence observed at higher pressures can be attributed largely to the different pressure calibrations used which differ by about 2.6 percent at the higher pressures.

### Raman Data

Raman OH-stretching peak frequencies obtained for ice VII to 30 GPa are tabulated in Table II, and plotted in Fig. 2. The peak frequency, $\Delta\bar{\nu}$, (in cm$^{-1}$) decreases at a decreasing rate with pressure rise. This decrease is similar to that observed for the x-ray data.

The Raman data were again treated by least squares polynomials. The fit of a cubic equation which reproduced the data within 3.8 percent with P as a function of $\Delta\bar{\nu}$, was as follows:

$$P = 6.7950 \times 10^3 - 6.2337\,(\Delta\bar{\nu}) + 1.9164 \times 10^{-3}\,(\Delta\bar{\nu})^2 - 1.9732 \times 10^{-7}\,(\Delta\bar{\nu})^3. \quad (1b)$$

(Again P is in GPa, $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ is in cm$^{-1}$, and the five digits do not independently represent significant figures.) The least squares fit is shown by the solid line, Fig. 2.

Raman spectra typical of those obtained in this work in the OH-stretching region are shown in Fig. 3 for pressures of 3.2 GPa and 15.5 GPa. In addition to the obvious decrease in the frequency of the Raman OH-stretching peak position, the shoulders, evident at 3.2 GPa between about 3350 cm$^{-1}$ and 3600 cm$^{-1}$, also show frequency decreases with pressure rise. However, the shoulder intensities wane relative to the peak, making detection very difficult above about 10 to 15 GPa. When the OH-stretching peak is distinct from the shoulders, e.g., at 15.5 GPa, Fig. 3, the half-width (full width at half-height) of the peak corrected for slit width may be estimated, viz., 85 $\pm$ 15 cm$^{-1}$.

## Correlation of Raman and X-ray Results

### Method A-Linear Fit

The x-ray equation giving P as a function of a and the Raman equation giving P as a function of $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ were solved using $r_{00} = a\sqrt{3}/2$ to yield values of $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ versus $r_{00}$ for uniformly selected values of $r_{00}$ in the observed pressure range. To examine the functional dependence of $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ on $r_{00}$, polynomials in $r_{00}$ were fit to the derived set of points. A first degree polynomial, $\Delta\bar{\nu} = -5.0725 \times 10^2 + 1.3135 \times 10^3\ r_{00}$, reproduced the data points to 0.2 percent. The slope of this linear relation, $1313.5\ cm^{-1}\overset{\circ}{A}^{-1}$, is not too far from the value $1520\ cm^{-1}\overset{\circ}{A}^1$ reported for ice $I_h$ at 255 °K on the basis of Raman data[21]. In Fig. 4, the derived data points and the straight line fit (curve A) are shown. The gross trend of the data is clearly represented by the straight line in the observed range. However, extrapolation of the linear fit to small $r_{00}$ values, e.g., to 2.4 $\overset{\circ}{A}$ or less, presents a serious difficulty. Such a linear extrapolation to $r_{00}$ values below the value corresponding to a symmetric hydrogen bond, O-H-O, is thought to be equivalent to the physically erroneous situation in which the OH stretching force constant decreases as the OH bond strengthens by virtue of bond shortening. Hence, a cubic fit was tried, because the cubic extrapolation avoids a grossly false physical situation.

### Method B--Cubic Fit

Data points for $r_{00}$ values above about 2.7 $\overset{\circ}{A}$ were observed to deviate systematically from a straight line. This region involves the highest accuracy of the Raman and x-ray data, as well as pressure measurements, and it refers to a region of complete hydrostaticity. No method of data presentation, including plots of raw data, has thus far removed this curvature. To further test the validity of this nonlinearity, the deviation from a straight

line, compared to the uncertainty in $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ viewed as a function of $r_{00}$, was examined. An estimate of the uncertainty at the 95 percent confidence limit yields uncertainties of 0.056 percent for $0 < P < 10$ GPa; 0.98 percent for $10 < P < 17.5$ GPa; and 0.20 percent for $17.5$ GPa $< P < 30$ GPa. On this basis, the straight line is an adequate representation of the details only for the highest pressure range, i.e., the smallest values of $r_{00}$. The largest excursion from a straight line occurs in the lowest pressure range at about $r_{00} = 2.785$Å with a deviation of about 0.24 percent which is greater than the inherent uncertainty by more than a factor of 4. Therefore, for detailed accuracy, a higher order polynomial should be considered.

A quadratic equation reproduces the data points only to 0.15 percent, which is still not adequate. It also gives rise to a maximum at <u>low pressure</u>, and hence cannot also yield a minimum at high pressure. Therefore, its high pressure extrapolation involves the same problem mentioned previously with regard to the linear extrapolation. A cubic equation, however, successfully describes the data to 0.03 percent which is compatible with the uncertainty of $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ as shown by curve B in Fig. 4. The cubic equation is
$$\Delta\bar{\nu} = 7.8053 \times 10^4 - 8.6353 \times 10^4 \, r_{00} + 3.2573 \times 10^4 \, r_{00}^2 - 4.0297 \times 10^3 \, r_{00}^3.$$
The cubic fit also has the advantage that it yields a realistic high pressure extrapolation. At very high pressures a symmetric hydrogen bond, O-H-O, is expected to occur, and this would produce a minimum in the $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ vs $r_{00}$ curve. The cubic equation thus allows an estimate of the symmetric hydrogen bond length to be made by finding the minimum which occurs in the extrapolation to smaller $r_{00}$. The cubic equation yields $r_{00}(min) = 2.35 \pm 0.06$Å, using a very conservative high pressure uncertainty in $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ of $\pm 20$ cm$^{-1}$. Also using the pressure relation, P vs a, a corresponding value for P and its uncertainty can be determined. $P[r_{00}(min)] = 75 \pm 20$ GPa.

This range of pressure agrees with a previous estimate of 35 to 80 GPa[11] and the $r_{00}$(min) value agrees with a value of 2.4 Å presented subsequently.

## Mode Grüneisen Parameter

The mode Grüneisen parameter is a nonthermodynamic quantity that can be determined from the volume dependence of a given vibrational (Raman or infrared) frequency. The definition for the ith Raman mode $\Delta\bar{v}_i$ is as follows:

$$\gamma_i = - \frac{\partial \ln \Delta\bar{v}_i}{\partial \ln v}, \qquad (2)$$

where $v$ is the cell volume. $\gamma_i$ may be either positive or negative, but the total thermodynamic quantity, $\gamma$, where

$$\gamma = \sum_i \gamma_i , \qquad (3)$$

is positive for most systems as seen from,

$$\gamma = v(\partial p/\partial T)_v/C_v = v(\partial S/\partial V)_T/C_v. \qquad (4)$$

Values of $\gamma_{OH}$ were calculated for the range of $r_{00}$ values from 2.35 to 3.035 Å, using both the method A and method B fits for $\Delta\bar{v}$ versus $r_{00}$. The results are shown in Fig. 5.

### $\gamma_{OH}$ Values from Method A Fit

A plot of $\ln \Delta\bar{v}$ vs $\ln a$ was found to be roughly linear, and to have a positive slope. Hence, $\gamma_{OH} \approx$ constant, from Eq. (2). To determine $\gamma_{OH}$ as a function of $r_{00}$, the linear fit, method A, Fig. 4, was employed. This procedure yielded the result labeled A in Fig. 5. The $\gamma_{OH}$ from method A is roughly constant, but it shows a slight nearly-linear decrease with decreasing $r_{00}$. In the region of data between 2.5 and 2.9 Å, the average value of $\gamma_{OH}$

is -0.39. This is close to the $\gamma_{OH}$ of -0.36 reported for the OH stretching mode of ice $I_h$[23]. However, the decreasing trend of $\gamma_{OH}$ with decreasing $r_{OO}$ leads to the same unrealistic physical situation mentioned previously for the linear extrapolation of Fig. 4.

### $\gamma_{OH}$ Values from Method B Fit

In Fig. 5, $\gamma_{OH}$ values determined from the method B cubic fit of the Fig. 4 data are shown, labeled B. Here a quadratic dependence between $\gamma_{OH}$ and $r_{OO}$ is evident which yields a minimum near 2.7 Å. The average value of $\gamma_{OH}$ in the region of data between 2.5 and 2.9 Å is -0.36 in agreement with the value of -0.36 reported for ice $I_h$[23]. The extrapolation of $\gamma_{OH}$ to large, 3.035 Å, and small, 2.35 Å, values of $r_{OO}$ using method B is shown by the dashed line in Fig. 5 (also for method A). The high pressure extrapolation suggests that $\gamma_{OH}$ may become positive at pressures where symmetric O-H-O units occur. The reasons for this are described subsequently.

The negative values of $\gamma_{OH}$ obtained either by method A or B imply from Eq. (4) that other vibrational modes must have positive $\gamma_i$ values. Ice $I_h$, for example, has a $\gamma_i$ value of 1.86 for the intermolecular O-O stretching mode[23], whereas the intramolecular OH-stretching vibration has a $\gamma_{OH}$ of -0.36. A similar situation is expected to occur for ice VII at low pressures.

## IV. INTERPRETATION

### Relationship Between $r_{OH}$ and $r_{OO}$.

An approximate treatment leading to an inverse square relationship between $r_{OH}$ and $\Delta \bar{\nu}$ follows. This approach treats a hydrogen bond in ice VII as a weakly coupled oscillator system, and refers specifically to the weak-coupling region $2.54 < r_{OO} < 2.90$ Å. The treatment does not apply to values of $r_{OO} \ll 2.54$, where the coupling between O-H and H····O of the O-H····O bonds probably becomes extremely strong.

Consider a hydrogen bond, O-H····O, as a weakly coupled oscillator system having a force constant $k_1$ for the OH bond and a force constant $k_2$ for the weak H····O liaison. The system is pictured schematically in Fig. 6. In the O-H····O linkage the OH distance is $r_{OH}$, the H····O distance, $r_{HO}$, and $r_{OO} = r_{OH} + r_{HO}$. If the magnitude of the proton displacement from its equilibrium position is d, the absolute magnitude of the harmonic restoring force opposing this displacement is given by,

$$F = k_1 d + k_2 d, \qquad (5)$$

or by

$$F = \frac{\mathcal{K}_1 d}{r_{OH}} + \frac{\mathcal{K}_2 d}{r_{HO}} , \qquad (6)$$

where $\mathcal{K}_1$ and $\mathcal{K}_2$ are the elastic moduli[24] corresponding to the OH and H····O bonds, respectively. For convenience, let $F' = F/d$, whence,

$$F' = \frac{\mathcal{K}_1}{r_{OH}} + \frac{\mathcal{K}_2}{r_{HO}} . \qquad (7)$$

Next, it is assumed that $\mathcal{K}_1 \gg \mathcal{K}_2$, i.e., weak coupling. Further it is assumed that $\mathcal{K}_1$ is constant, i.e., $\neq f(r_{OO})$. (This assumption may not be exact, but it has the effect of forcing all of the change in $\mathcal{K}_1$ to occur via a change in $r_{OH}$. Also, the increase in $r_{OH}$ for $2.54 < r_{OO} < 2.90$ Å is estimated to be only about 9 percent.) Equation 6 is thus reduced to

$$F' \approx \frac{\mathcal{K}_1}{r_{OH}} , \qquad \text{and} \qquad (8)$$

differentiation with respect to $r_{00}$ gives,

$$\frac{dF'}{dr_{00}} = -\frac{K_1}{r^2_{OH}} \frac{dr_{OH}}{dr_{00}} \quad . \tag{9}$$

Further for a harmonic oscillator, $F' = c\omega^2$, where c is a constant, and $\omega$ is the vibrational frequency in $cm^{-1}$. Differentiation gives $dF' = 2c\omega d\omega$, and substitution in Eq. (8) yields,

$$\frac{2c\omega d\omega}{dr_{00}} \approx -\frac{K_1}{r^2_{OH}} \frac{dr_{OH}}{dr_{00}} \quad . \tag{10}$$

Taking $d\omega/dr_{00}$ approximately constant $= \beta$, as seen from A in Fig. 4, and assuming also that $dr_{OH}/dr_{00} = -\alpha = $ constant, then

$$\omega \approx \frac{\alpha K_1}{2c\beta} \frac{1}{r^2_{OH}} \quad , \tag{11}$$

or,

$$\Delta\bar{\nu} \approx A/r^2_{OH}, \tag{12}$$

where $\omega = \Delta\bar{\nu}$, and $A = \alpha K_1/2c\beta$.

Equation (12) has been tested in the following manner assuming that the relationship between $r_{00}$ and $r_{OH}$ is the same whether deduced for (A) systems of differing chemical elements at one pressure, or (B) a given system in which changes in bond distances are induced by changes in pressure. In recent work, a plot of $r_{OH}$ versus $r_{00}$ for various hydrogen-bonded systems, at one atmosphere of pressure and having O-H-O angles greater than 160°, was given[25] using carefully selected neutron and x-ray data. Data from that work have been reproduced in Fig. 7. In the region of interest, $2.54 < r_{00} < 2.90$ Å, the approximation of $dr_{OH}/dr_{00} = $ contant $= -\alpha$ is satis- fied with $\alpha = 0.24$. For each $r_{00}$ in Fig. 7, a value of $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ was determined

from the cubic equation used in Fig. 4 which was determined for one system ($H_2O$, ice VII) under pressure. This gave a new set of values, $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ versus $r_{OH}$, to which Eq. (12) was fit. The value $A = 2943$ cm$^{-1}$ Å$^2$ was obtained, and this produced the solid curve shown in Fig. 7. Additionally, it can also be seen from Fig. 7, as obtained from Ref. (25), that the symmetric O-H-O unit, i.e., $r_{OO} = 2r_{OH}$ occurs at 2.4 Å for other materials. This compares very favorably with our own estimate of $2.35 \pm 0.06$ Å.

Equation (12) and its derivation, albeit approximate, lead to implications of relevance to all the results of this work.

When pressure is applied to ice VII, a, and thus $r_{OO}$, decrease at a decreasing rate, Fig. 1. Pressures in excess of 36 GPa would only be expected to produce a further decrease in $r_{OO}$, with the rate of decrease continuing to decline. No minimum in the curve of $r_{OO}$ versus pressure would be expected.

The plot of $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ versus pressure, Fig. 2, has a curvature similar to that of Fig. 1. In contrast to the x-ray data, however, a minimum in $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ would be expected to occur at some very high pressure, e.g., as shown by curve B in Fig. 4. Further, Fig. 2 is thought to indicate that the OH-stretching force constant decreases with pressure rise because the OH bond is lengthening. However, a pressure, $P_s$, will eventually be obtained at which $r_{OH} \cong r_{OO}/2$. Above this pressure, i.e., when $P > P_s'$, the OH distance may decrease at the same rate as the O-O distance decreases (provided that $r_{OH}$ continues to equal $r_{OO}/2$). If the OH bond distance decreases, the OH force constant will increase, and $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ will <u>increase</u>. Hence, a minimum in $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ versus P, or in $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ versus $r_{OO}$, is expected, Fig. 4 curve B.

Associated with the occurrence of a minimum in $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ vs $r_{OO}$ would be a change of sign for the mode Grüneison parameter $\gamma_{OH}$. This would occur because for $P > P_s$, $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ would increase with increasing pressure while the volume

would continue to decrease. Hence, by Eq. (2), $\gamma_{OH}$ would be positive for $P > P_S$. At room pressure, $\gamma_{OH}$ is negative and decreases with an increase of pressure. Consequently, the hypothesis of a symmetric hydrogen bond at high pressure and the values of $\gamma_{OH}$ at low pressure imply that $\gamma_{OH}$ vs $r_{OO}$ has a minimum negative value and rises to zero at the high pressure symmetric bond length. The values of $\gamma_{OH}$ computed by method B and their smooth curve extrapolation, which are shown in Fig. 5, exhibit this behavior.

The minimum of $\gamma_{OH}$ vs $r_{OO}$ may possibly be understood in terms of the approaching dominance of the repulsive part of the potential. It is known, for example, that $\gamma$ generally increases with density when the repulsive part of the potential behaves like that for hard spheres[26]. This situation may be analogous to that of symmetric ice VII. This ice may no longer contain discrete $H_2O$ molecules and may be ionic and proton ordered as the result of symmetric O-H-O units. This situation is possible because the $r_{OH}$ distance increases with pressure rise, and thus the s-p orbital overlap between H and O may decrease, leading to higher ionic OH character compared to isolated $H_2O$ molecules. Also, extremely strong O-O repulsive forces, resembling those between hard spheres at high density, would be present.

Finally, other features of the present results are of some interest. Figure 4 shows a minimum in $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ at 2712 cm$^{-1}$ for $r_{OO} = 2.35$ Å, and a maximum in $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ of 3355 cm$^{-1}$ at $r_{OO} = 3.04$ Å. The pressure corresponding to the minimum $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ is estimated to be 75 ± 20 GPa. Extrapolation of the cubic relation to the maximum is not meaningful because the maximum occurs in a physically unobservable region[27]. In regard to this, the Raman data of Fig. 2 below 5 GPa were treated by a first degree polynomial with $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ as a function of P. For $P = 0$, which essentially corresponds to the maximum feature in Fig. 4, $\Delta\bar{\nu} = 3378$ cm$^{-1}$. The value of 3378 cm$^{-1}$ may refer to an upper limit, as opposed

to a maximum, of the vibrational frequency when the OH bond in the linear
O-H···O linkage of ice VII has its smallest length.  From Fig. 7 this would
correspond to 0.94 Å, which in view of the scatter of the data is not much
different from the gas phase value of 0.96 Å[25].

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**FIGURE CAPTIONS**

1. X-ray lattice parameter, a, in $\overset{\circ}{A}$, versus pressure in GPa for ice VII at room temperature.

2. Raman OH-stretching peak frequencies $\Delta\bar{\nu}$, in $cm^{-1}$, versus pressure in GPa for ice VII at room temperature.

3. Raman spectra in the OH-stretching region for ice VII at 3.2 and 15.5 GPa.

4. Raman versus x-ray correlations, $\Delta\bar{\nu}_{OH}$ versus $r_{OO}$, for ice VII. Points, computed from least squares equations for P as a function of a and P as a function of $\Delta\bar{\nu}_{OH}$, see text. Curve A refers to a linear and curve B to a cubic least squares fit to the computed points.

5. Mode Grüneisen parameter, $\gamma_{OH}$, computed from method A (linear) and method B (cubic) least squares fits of $\Delta\bar{\nu}$ versus $r_{OO}$, see Fig. 4 and text. Points shown delineate region of x-ray and Raman data. Dashed lines refer to extrapolations according to method A or method B.

6. Weakly coupled oscillator model for the hydrogen bonds in ice VII. The O-H force constant is $k_1$, and $k_2$ is the force constant for H····O. The figure defines relevant distances with d being the proton displacement from its equilibrium position.

7. Plot of $r_{OH}$ versus $r_{OO}$ both in $\overset{\circ}{A}$ for hydrogen-bonded systems. Points from Speakman, ref. 25. Solid line computed from x-ray and Raman data for ice VII.

TABLE CAPTIONS

I.   X-ray lattice parameter data for ice VII to 36 GPa.

II.  Raman OH-stretching peak frequency data for ice VII to 30 GPa.

Table I

| p,GPa | a,Å |
|-------|-------|
| 2.30 | 3.368 |
| 2.30 | 3.365 |
| 2.85 | 3.337 |
| 4.76 | 3.268 |
| 5.45 | 3.256 |
| 6.20 | 3.231 |
| 8.85 | 3.166 |
| 10.07 | 3.154 |
| 11.64 | 3.109 |
| 11.65 | 3.106 |
| 12.47 | 3.110 |
| 14.04 | 3.078 |
| 15.05 | 3.074 |
| 15.58 | 3.048 |
| 15.58 | 3.045 |
| 17.70 | 3.042 |
| 17.95 | 3.035 |
| 19.57 | 3.029 |
| 20.13 | 3.008 |
| 20.32 | 3.013 |
| 23.40 | 3.011 |
| 24.30 | 2.961 |
| 24.57 | 2.966 |
| 24.58 | 2.968 |
| 26.50 | 2.974 |
| 26.50 | 2.970 |
| 29.65 | 2.940 |
| 30.00 | 2.923 |
| 36.00 | 2.896 |

Table II

| p,GPa | $\Delta\bar{v}$,cm$^{-1}$ | p,GPa | $\Delta\bar{v}$,cm$^{-1}$ |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2.04 | 3308. | 8.10 | 3124. |
| 2.06 | 3310. | 8.24 | 3102. |
| 2.06 | 3304. | 8.30 | 3122. |
| 2.08 | 3306. | 8.57 | 3110. |
| 2.12 | 3298. | 8.63 | 3102. |
| 2.18 | 3305. | 8.76 | 3100. |
| 2.18 | 3310. | 9.50 | 3074. |
| 2.18 | 3299. | 9.60 | 3082. |
| 2.26 | 3308. | 9.60 | 3092. |
| 2.38 | 3308. | 9.90 | 3075. |
| 2.39 | 3305. | 10.70 | 3050. |
| 2.49 | 3286. | 10.83 | 3045. |
| 2.56 | 3288. | 10.89 | 3040. |
| 2.61 | 3301. | 10.90 | 3044. |
| 2.62 | 3291. | 10.90 | 3050. |
| 2.62 | 3288. | 11.00 | 3062. |
| 2.69 | 3288. | 11.49 | 3028. |
| 3.02 | 3273. | 12.50 | 3025. |
| 3.19 | 3263. | 12.67 | 3027. |
| 4.32 | 3235. | 13.41 | 3009. |
| 4.44 | 3230. | 13.68 | 3013. |
| 4.78 | 3216. | 13.96 | 3003. |
| 5.18 | 3213. | 14.01 | 3001. |
| 5.68 | 3185. | 14.21 | 2997. |
| 5.84 | 3180. | 14.38 | 2990. |
| 6.10 | 3170. | 14.63 | 2994. |
| 6.37 | 3163. | 14.75 | 2974. |
| 6.38 | 3155. | 14.99 | 2982. |
| 6.50 | 3166. | 15.29 | 2975. |
| 6.80 | 3160. | 15.50 | 2982. |
| 7.26 | 3147. | 19.30 | 2931. |
| 7.60 | 3150. | 22.80 | 2893. |
| 7.70 | 3143. | 26.40 | 2848. |
| 7.82 | 3109. | 30.00 | 2831. |
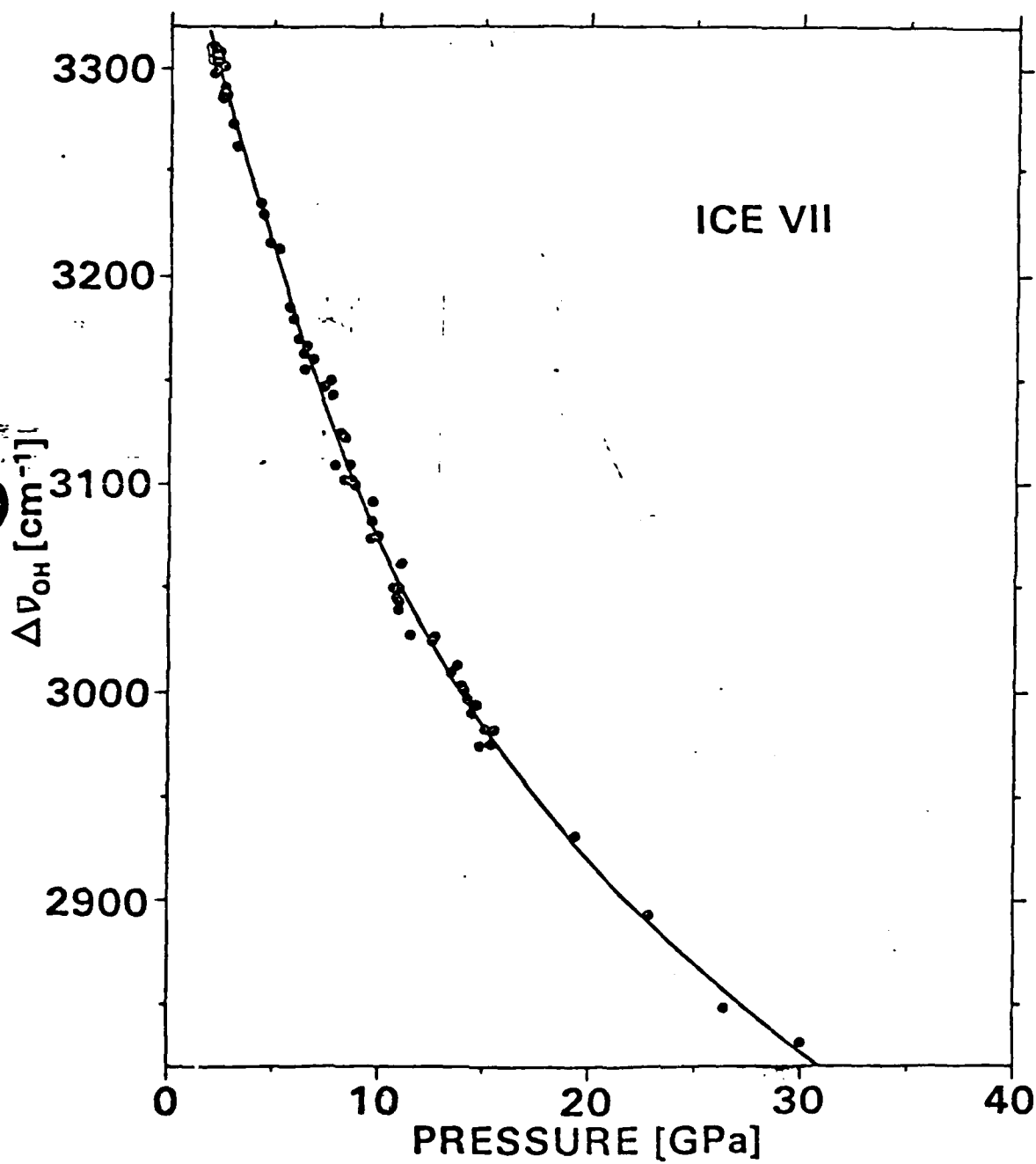
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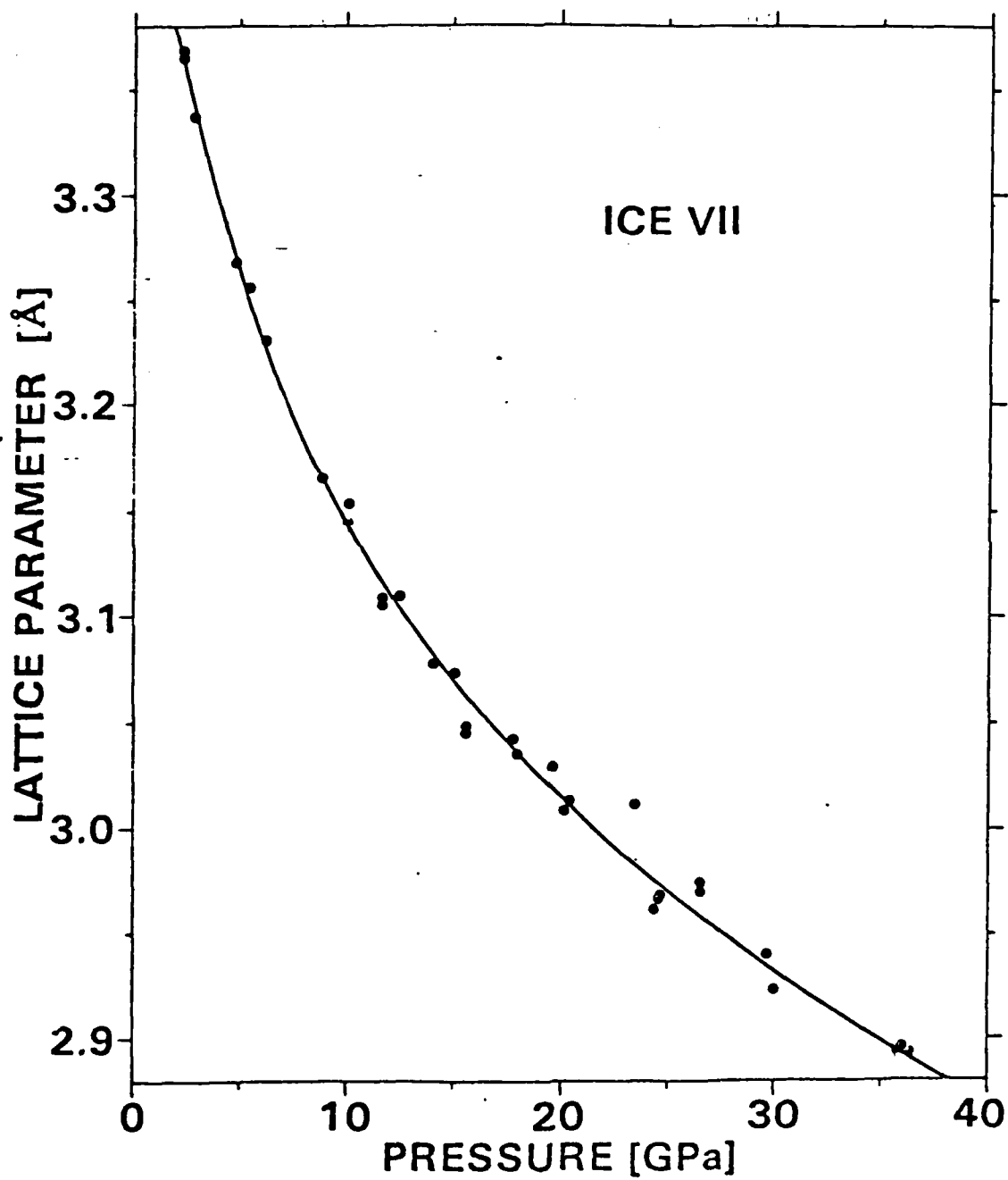
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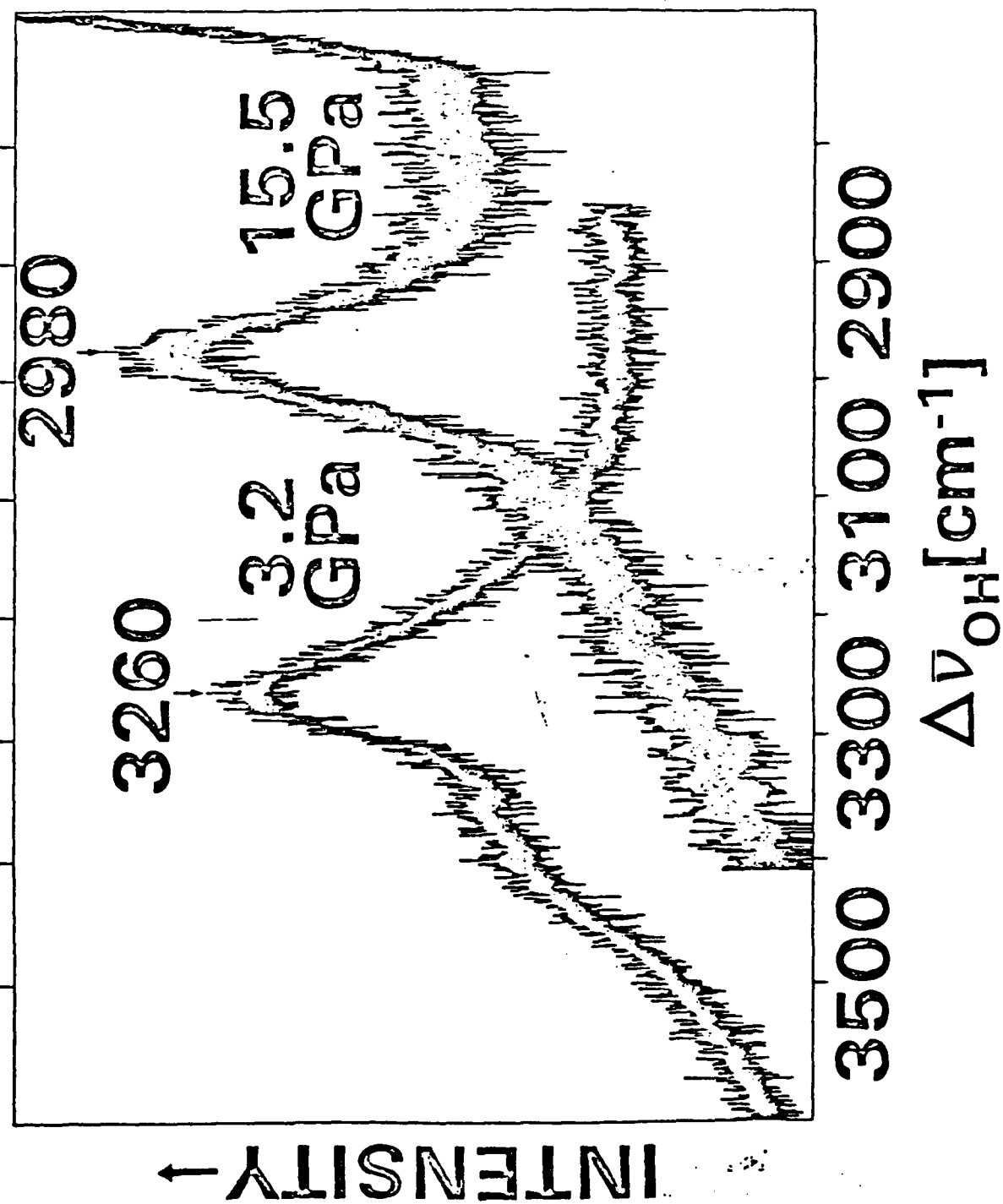
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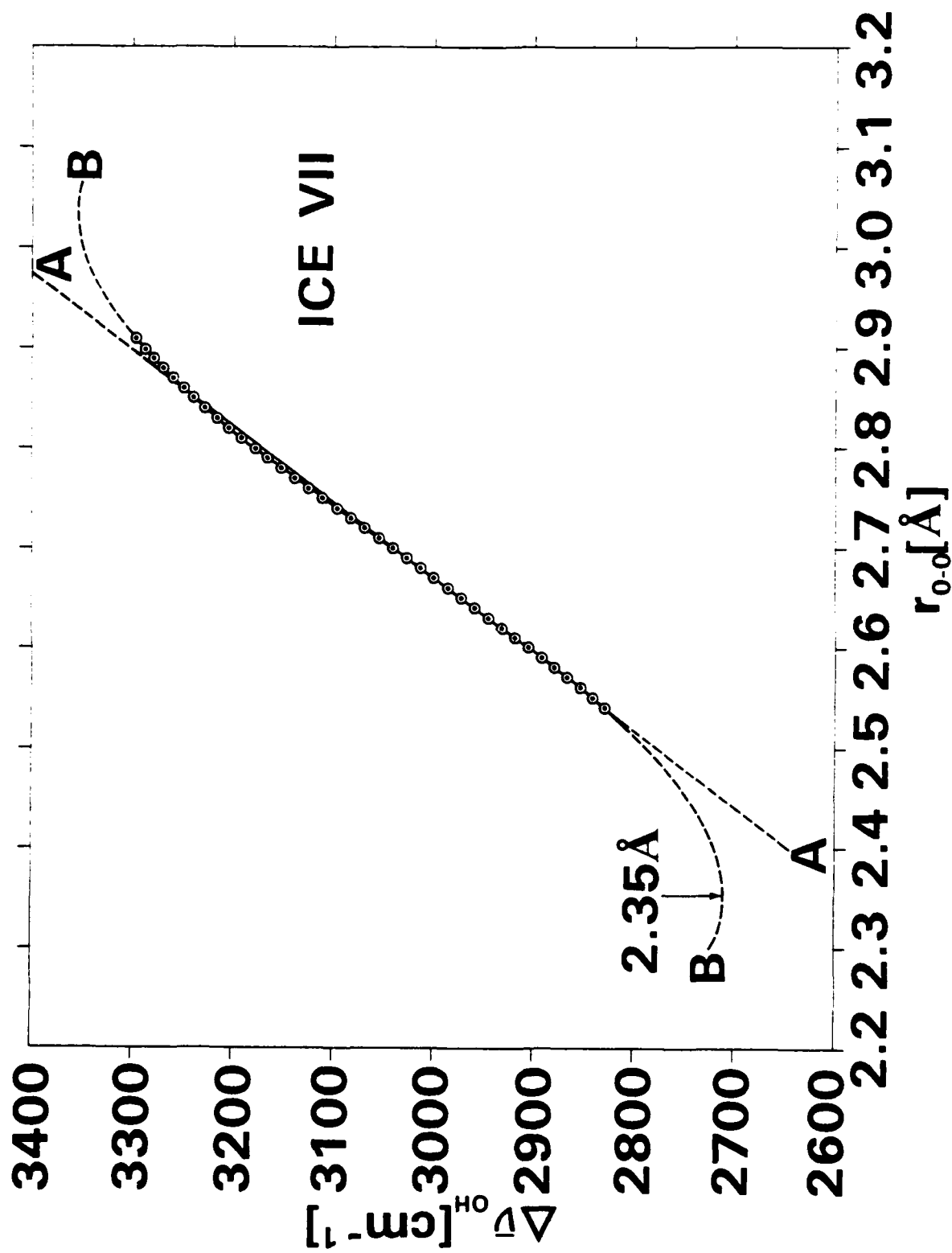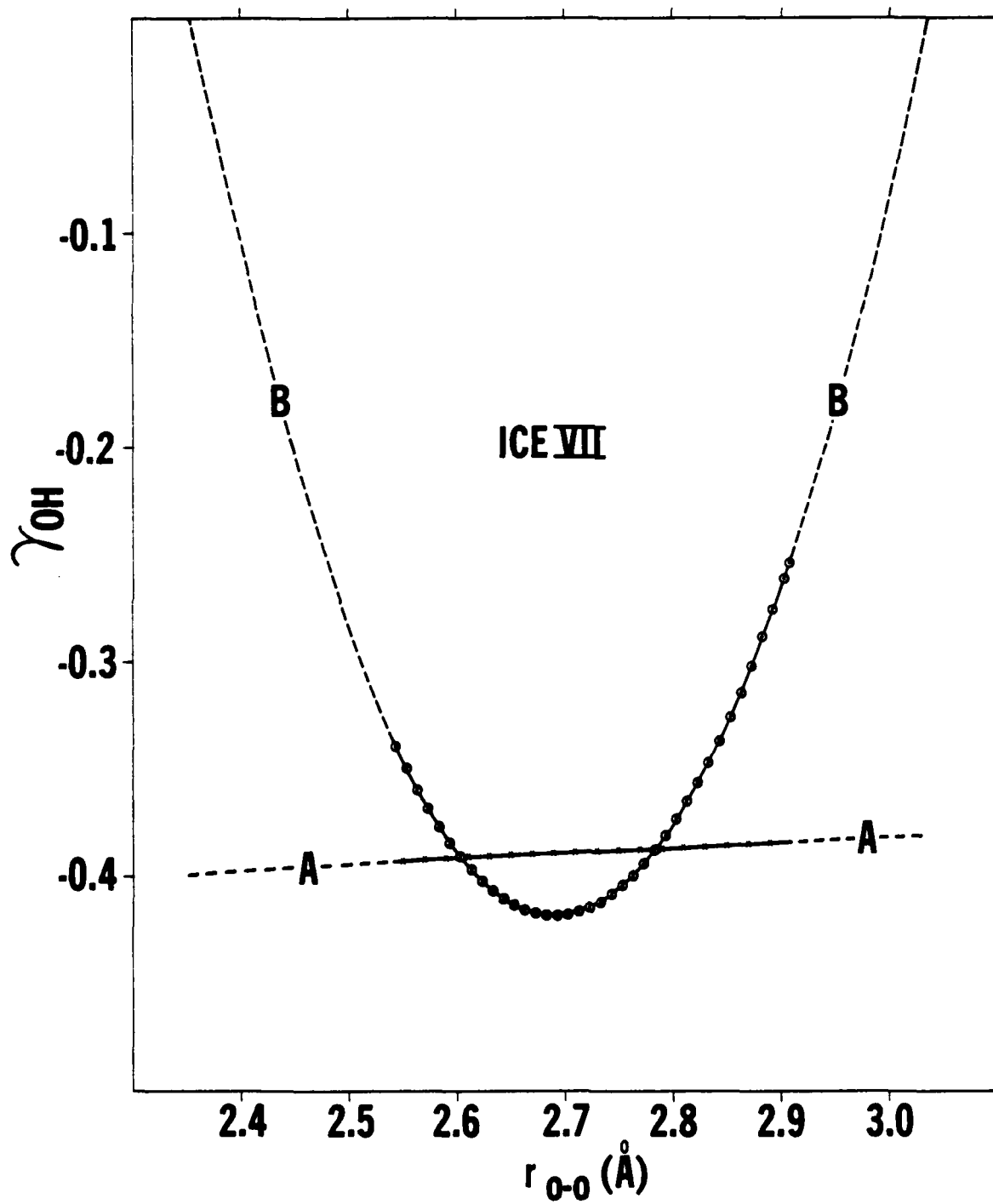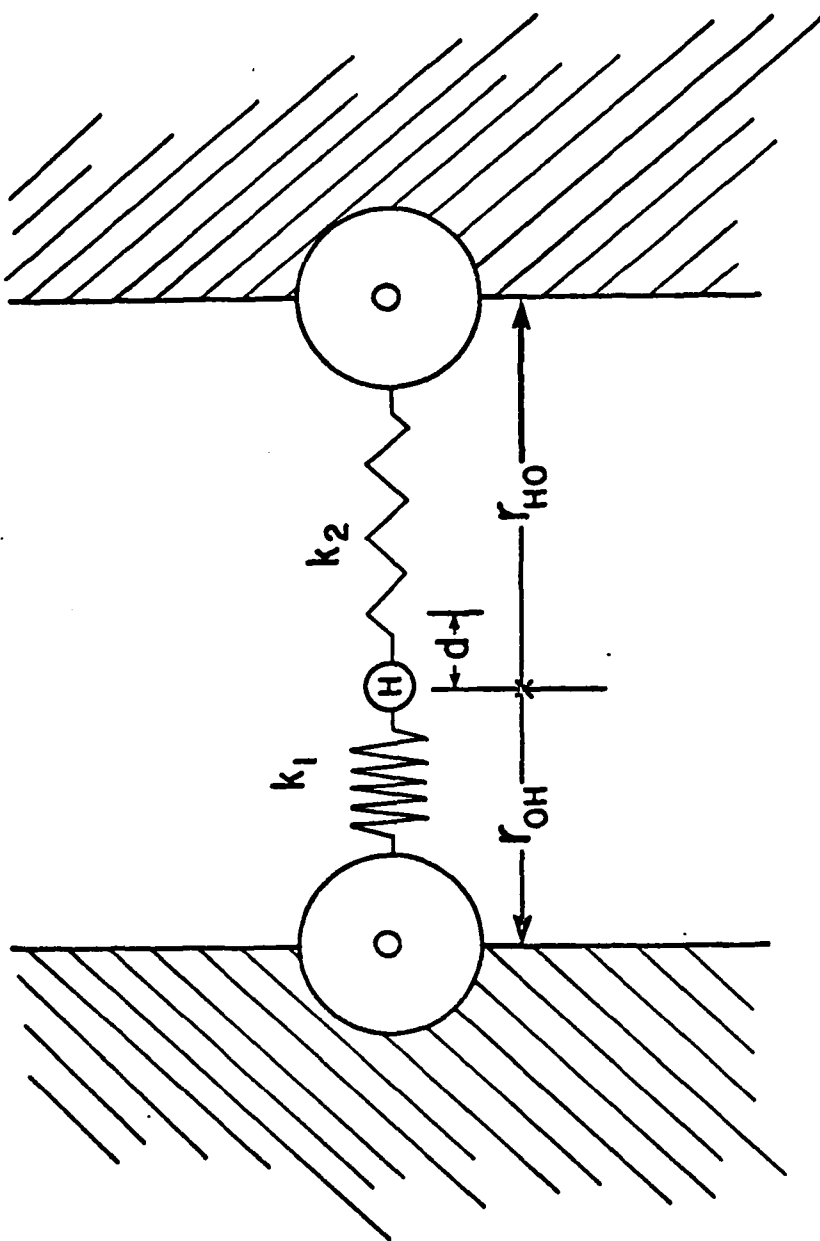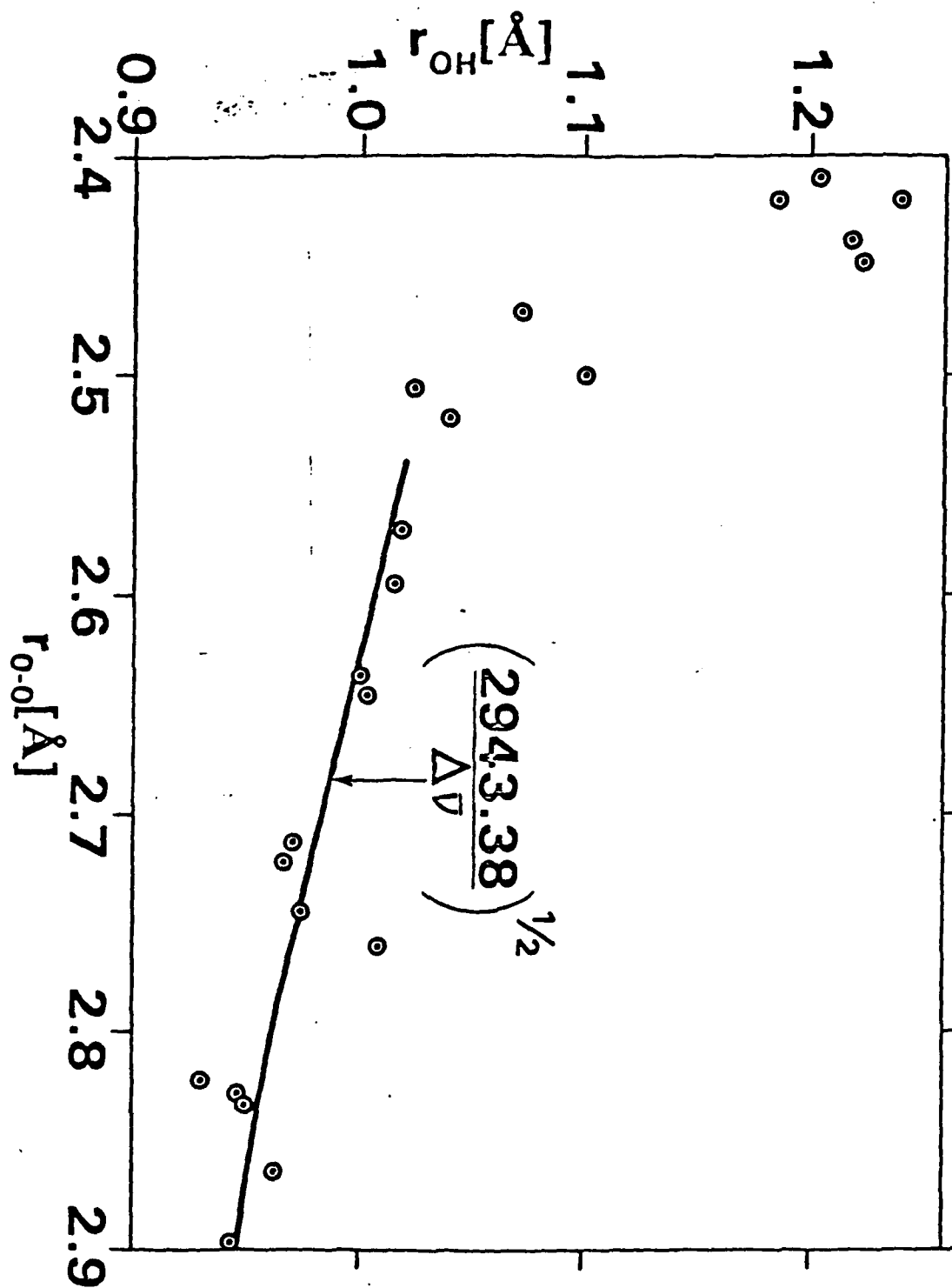
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